

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of
Takamitsu ASANUMA et al.
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For: A DEVICE FOR PURIFYING THE EXHAUST GAS OF AN INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2). The patent based on this application is scheduled for issuance soon; accordingly, prompt action on this Petition is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2). Applicants request that the attached Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement be accepted and considered in this application. Attached hereto is an appropriate Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2).

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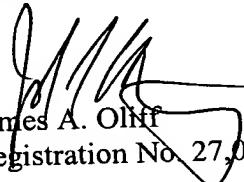
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Should there be any questions concerning this matter, any responsible officials at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Request for Continued Examination
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